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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:	)	Art Unit: 3731
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T. Anthony DON MICHAEL	)	Examiner: U. T. HO
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Appln. No.: 10/005,699	)	Washington, D.C.
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Filed: December 7, 2001	)	Confirmation No. 7636
	)	
For: DISTAL PROTECTION DOUBLE	)	January 19, 2005
BALLOON CATHETER	)	

**RESPONSE**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Customer Service Window  
Randolph Building, Mail Stop Amendment  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's action dated October 19, 2004. Record is also made of the personal interview held with Examiner Ho on January 12, 2005. The substance of that interview will be included in the discussion to be presented below.

The final rejection of claims 1-10 as unpatentable over Nap in view of Sahota is again traversed for the basic reason that neither of the applied references discloses a system that includes a "high compliance blocking balloon" as defined in parent claim 1 of the present Application.